

Question on Notice

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Asked on 13 April 2010

MS MALE asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Sport (MR REEVES)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister detail how his department has supported sport and recreation in the Pine Rivers Electorate in the twelve months since March 2009, including supporting young people through the Young Athletes Assistance Program?

ANSWER

The Bligh Government proudly supports sport and recreation initiatives that create opportunities for communities across the State to be more physically active. The Government encourages this physical activity in a number of ways, not least of which is through the delivery of funding for sport and recreation facility development, participation initiatives and education and training programs.

Since March 2009, the Bligh Government has supported sport and recreation in the Pine Rivers electorate through:

- \$1.417 million to the Pine Rivers Memorial Bowls Club under the Major Facilities Program to upgrade an existing lawn bowls green to a covered synthetic surface at Bray Park;
- \$11,445 to three sporting organisations under the Sport and Recreation Disaster Assistance Program to rectify damage caused to facilities or equipment by storms and flooding; and
- \$6,200 under the Young Athletes Assistance Program to assist 31 athletes under the age of 18 years to travel to State, national and international level sporting competitions.

The Bligh Government is committed to supporting local government and sport and recreation clubs to develop infrastructure, delivering training and assisting young athletes to attend sporting competitions.

In the last 12 months, the Government has also conducted 24 free education and training workshops in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area for schools and community sport and recreation organisations. These regional workshops have covered topics such as coaching—general principles, strength and conditioning—as well as the delivery of the successful Get Active Queensland Schools Program. An estimated 3,142 school children and club volunteers in Moreton Bay have benefited from these training activities.

The 24 free education and training workshops were a combination of regional workshops and the Get Active Queensland Schools Program, an activity and health program delivered by athletes from the Queensland Academy of Sport.

On 24 February 2010, following a review of all sport and recreation funding programs, I announced a new suite of sport and recreation programs totalling \$138 million over three years:

- \$38 million for the Local Sport and Recreation Jobs plan—to contribute to employment costs of a Local Sport and Recreation coordinator who will help organisations with matters such as fundraising, promotional activities and sponsorships at the grassroots level.
- \$51.5 million for the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program—funding will be provided for capital works infrastructure to encourage participation in sport and recreation. This funding will go towards the cost of facilities such as playing fields, lighting for ovals or tennis courts.

- \$27.6 million for the State Sport and Recreation Organisation Development Program—to State level sport and recreation bodies to help encourage participation in sport and recreation across Queensland and at the local level.
- \$18 million for the Active Inclusion Program—for local organisations to encourage disadvantaged groups to participate in sport and recreation. This may include funding to establish local sporting competitions, or to help provide more equitable access for people with a disability to participate in sport and recreation.
- \$3 million allocated to industry development.

This major funding package sends a clear message that this Government is committed to supporting the sport and recreation industry in Queensland.